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June 13, 2003 Wayne, NJ – Polyurethane Foam Association (PFA) members are committed to protecting the health and safety of workers, the public, and the environment. PFA members provide products that are free from environmental, health and safety concerns to satisfy consumer demands for safe, durable products that provide required physical performance.

Various brominated materials have been used for many years in a number of industries and applications. To meet the requirements of state flammability regulations and FPF end-user specification requirements, some flexible polyurethane foam products have been produced using brominated flame retardant additives

We are aware that there are publicized studies presenting raising possible environmental and health issues related to brominated fire retardants. To date, these study results remain unconfirmed. Based on information provided by the brominated fire retardant manufacturers, in compliance with federal and state materials safety requirements, FPF products produced using brominated fire retardant additives are safe when used in intended applications.

Scientific research is also being conducted by U.S. EPA to determine whether brominated fire retardants present a level of risk that might influence their use in various applications within the United States. No results of this effort have been publicized.

In advance of possible scientific study conclusions, PFA members are working to find satisfactory alternative technologies to reduce the need for brominated fire retardant additives in some FPF products.

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